

Illinois Emergency Services Management Association
Resolution Supporting the Implementation of the National Qualification System

This Resolution is made on behalf of the Illinois Emergency Services Management Association (IESMA) in support of the National Qualification System (NQS) and to offer support to our members as they consider how they will choose to implement the various aspects of the National Qualification System as deemed appropriate for their stakeholders. In furthering, the adoption of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) we recognize that being able to identify the capabilities of individuals across a wide spectrum of agencies and structures increases the ability to support the Resource Management component of the National Incident Management System. As an association that made up of Authorities Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) we feel an obligation to support our members as they work to meet the intent of the National Incident Management System and develop a program for their jurisdiction that satisfies the National Qualification System element of the Resource Management Preparedness section of the Resource Management Component of the National Incident Management System.

WHEREAS, the National Incident Management System, 2017, Section 2, emphasizes the essential nature of qualifying, certifying, and credentialing personnel while also providing the framework for implementing these steps as needed by an Authority Having Jurisdiction; and,

WHEREAS, the National Incident Management System Guideline for the National Qualification System, 2017, provides that Authorities Having Jurisdiction are encouraged to implement qualification, certification, and credentialing processes consistent with National

Qualification System guidance to ensure their personnel are prepared to perform the responsibilities associated with their specific incident-related positions. Furthermore, that an Authority Having Jurisdiction may augment the National Incident Management System Position Qualifications minimum criteria to meet specific needs, hazards, or risks within their jurisdiction, organization, or agency; and,

WHEREAS, the National Incident Management System Implementation Objectives, 2018, States that developing or participating in a qualification, certification, and credentialing program that aligns with the National Qualification System (NQS) is recommended for consistency in the National Incident Management System implementation across the Nation; and,

WHEREAS, the National Qualification System Implementation Objectives, 2021, States that AHJs that are recipients of the Emergency Management Performance Grant should be working towards ensuring that incident workforce personnel qualifying for a position meet the minimum training requirements from the Job Title/Position Qualification for that position; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Emergency Services Management Association Constitution and By-Laws, 2022, States that our purpose is to support communities by coordinating and integrating all activities necessary to build, sustain, and improve the capability to mitigate against, prepare for, respond to, and recover from threatened or actual natural disasters, acts of terrorism, or other man-made disasters; To evaluate and disseminate the common experiences and collective judgment of local Emergency Management Agency/Emergency Services and Disaster Agency

(EMA/ESDA) organizations and those other specialists trained in and responsible for emergency management activities; To share ideas and/or suggestions based on industry best practices among our members and to make this material available to our members through a variety of media and events; To provide opportunities for the members to stay aware of new developments and innovations relating to emergency management and related fields.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Illinois Emergency Services Management Association Board re-affirms its unbroken support for the National Incident Management System, its Resource Management Component, and the sub-element that is the National Qualification System.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED FURTHER that the Illinois Emergency Services Management Association Board will assist its members as they navigate through their adoption and implementation of this element of the National Incident Management System, and any future elements of the National Incident Management System.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED FURTHER, by the Illinois Emergency Services Management Association Executive Board authorizes the President of the Executive Board to execute this resolution.

IESMA PRESIDENT

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Michael Fleming", is written over a horizontal line.

DATED September 22, 2023